

CITY OF JOHNS CREEK
WORK SESSION SUMMARY
January 24, 2011, 5:00pm

The City of Johns Creek Mayor and Council held a Work Session on Monday, January 24, 2011 at 5:00pm. The Work Session was held in the Taylor Farms Conference Room at City Hall, located at 12000 Findley Road, Suite 300 in Johns Creek, Georgia 30097. In attendance were Council Members R. Johnson, D. McCabe, B. Miller, I. Figueroa, K. Richardson, K. Stewart and Mayor M. Bodker. City Manager J. Kachmar, Attorney B. Riley and other Department Heads were present.

Mayor Bodker opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Communications Director Grant Hickey reviewed the **MOU with Forsyth regarding Radios**. He informed Council the Memorandum of Understanding is for the interoperability talk and back-up radio system; to provide coverage to Johns Creek Public Safety during any outages in the Fulton County system. There has been a partnership with Forsyth County, this MOU formalizes the process. City Manager Kachmar mentioned Fulton County is planning a \$10M overall to improve its system. There is no financial commitment attached to the MOU. Council had no objections to adding this item to the February 14th Council Meeting Consent Agenda.

Assistant City Attorney Scott Hastey reviewed the **Assignment and Assumption of Lease Agreements for the City Hall and Public Safety Buildings**, informing Council prior to contract revisions, CH2M Hill was responsible for providing facility services. Subsequent to the contract revisions, this responsibility has been shifted to the city and the City is required to assume the lease agreements. There were no objections to moving this item to the February 14th Council Agenda. Mayor Bodker mentioned to Council the lease agreements are set to expire in 24 months and discussions should begin on options. It was noted this item is scheduled for discussion during the upcoming Council retreat.

Public Works Director Ken Hildebrandt presented the proposed **Trail Amenities** utilizing \$77K Transportation Enhancement grant funding; the **MARTA Improvements** utilizing \$1.1M in Capital offset funds allocated to the City; and he reviewed the **Request for Right of Way Donation at Jones Bridge and Morton Road**. Dir. Hildebrandt provided a power point presentation showing options for the Trail amenities, including signage, safety improvements, benches and other accoutrements to enhance the trails. He was seeking Council approval on moving forward with the concept plan. There was discussion on how the allocated funds should be distributed for signage, landscaping, and infrastructure allocations and mention of Leadership Johns Creek's plan to install benches and how to insure consistency of the designs. Council had no objections to staff moving forward with the concept plan and recommended adding discussion of specific design elements to the February 14th Work Session agenda.

Dir. Hildebrandt reviewed options for the MARTA improvement project and reminded Council funding is restricted to projects within a ½ mile radius of a MARTA transit stop. He provided options for bus shelter designs, locations and proposals for utilizing the remainder of the funds to complete gaps along the trails and develop a bicycle station. There was discussion on the bike station proposal, including maintenance costs, liability, connectivity and accessibility. City Manager Kachmar mentioned the senior housing previously approved and how this group of citizens would benefit from the bike station; noting Recreation and Parks fees would help offset the maintenance costs. Mayor Bodker commented the innovation of the concept may boost the City's appeal to others. Council

asked to see other alternatives and requested additional information on maintenance costs and liability to continue the discussion at a later date.

Dir. Hildebrandt reported to Council the Jones Bridge Road and Morton Road Intersection Improvement Project is set to begin in April. The work will impact property owned by Fulton County. Staff drafted a letter addressed to the Fulton County Commissioner Hausmann requesting donation of the property, noting the project will benefit the County. Council had no objections to requesting the Right of Way donation and requested sending the letter to all seven Fulton County Commissioners but added if the County chooses not to donate the property; the City has no alternative but to purchase the right-of-way to complete the intersection improvements.

Finance Director Monte Vavra reviewed two budget amendment ordinances: the first, to **amend the 2011 Budget for the Encumbrance Carryovers for 2010**, informing Council there were goods and services contracted in the FY 2010 budget that are on-going. The funds were encumbered for the expenses and will rollover to the 2011 Budget to facilitate payment. The second ordinance is needed to **amend the FY 2010 Budget for Community Development and Grant Fund**, to account for excess revenue generated by building permits and interest allocation to the Grant Fund. Council had no objections to moving these items to the February 14th, Council Meeting for consideration. Mayor Bodker mentioned Council budgeted funds in the 2010 Budget for a Community Arts Grant that was never realized. He suggested Council consider moving the funds to the 2011 Budget and asked Dir. Vavra, to review the fund amount with Council for continued discussion at the next Work Session.

Council reviewed the **Monthly Action Plan** with the following updates: the *Community Events funding* will be discussed at the next work session; *Shop the Creek* is being spearheaded by Johns Creek Chamber and is expected to launch soon; *Solid Waste Coordinator* is meeting with JCCA this week; *Parks Master Plan* review is scheduled for January 31st and Council Member McCabe asked for an update on the Shakerag Joint Use Agreement with the County; *Co-star* is a market research firm being considered to provide commercial market analysis; millage rate cap impact on *bond referendum* is being clarified with bond counsel; *gateway* sign designs were revised following consultant/Council one-on-ones and revised drafts will be forwarded for consideration; *Autrey Mill apartment* is completed; *Website* update is complete, Council congratulated staff on the great results; Mayor commented on the *pavement* conditions.

Council Member Miller asked for status of False Alarm Ordinance; Council Members will meet with legal to review, with materials previously presented and updated statistics. Council Member Figueroa asked for update on the installation of the traffic signal at State Bridge and SR 141 (in front of the Publix/Home Depot) and Dir. Hildebrandt reported the work has commenced.

Mayor Bodker provide a summary on the legislative session saying last year's HR1 Bill to freeze property tax assessment is now HR10 and other bills to watch include a proposal to reduce Insurance Premium Tax and eliminate the annual car title fee. There being no further business, Mayor Bodker adjourned the Work Session.

Approved,

Attest,

Michael E. Bodker, Mayor

Joan C. Jones, City Clerk